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For: METHODS AND APPARATUSES FOR PROVIDING
MULTIPLE SERVICES FROM ANY SLOT IN A
SONET SYSTEM HAVING MULTIPLE SLOTS

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Sir:

Under the provisions of MPEP § 2001.06(b), the Examiner is
hereby advised of the following co-pending U.S. Application(s):

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09/663,511	September 14, 2004	2662
09/661,497	September 14, 2004	2665
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The subject matter contained in the above-listed co-pending
U.S. application(s) may be deemed to relate to the present
application, and thus may be material to the prosecution of this
instant application.

Copies of cited U.S. patent application(s) (specification, claims, and the drawings) or copies of the portion(s) of the application(s) which caused it(them) to be cited, including any claims directed to such portion(s) are attached hereto.

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